

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Rodriguez, et. al.	§ Group Art Unit: 3639 § Confirmation No.: 2337 §
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Title: System and Method for Automating Travel Agent Operations	§ IBM Corporation, IP Law Department § 11400 Burnet Road § Internal Zip 4054 § Austin, Texas 78758

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Decision of the Primary Examiner mailed February 27, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 3-10, 14, 15, 18, 20-23, 25, 27, 28, 30-33, 35, and 37-41.

The three-month date after the mailing of the Final Rejection is Saturday, May 27, 2006. Monday, May 29, 2006 was a federal holiday (i.e. Memorial Day). Therefore, this Notice of Appeal is timely filed on Tuesday, May 30, 2006, and no extension fee is due.

Applicants respectfully request that the fee for the previously filed Notice of Appeal, filed on May 16, 2005, be applied to this filing, per MPEP § 1204.01, as a final Board decision was never rendered in the previous appeal. Therefore, no fee is believed due for the filing of the present Notice of Appeal.

Applicants believe no fees are due. However, if a fee is due, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees that are due to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Respectfully submitted,

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